maximum rating Wave Power Research & Development project is being set up by IIT Madras off Kerala Coast with a view to develop indigenous technology and examine its techno-economic viability. The project is estimated to cost approx. Rs. 2 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Carriage with Train Between Nadiad-Kapadvanj**

2792. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the carriage with train running between Nadiad-Kapadvanj; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Replacement of Steam Locomotives on N.G.Section in Gujarat**

2793. DR. K. D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that on account of bad coal supply and irregular maintenance of steam engines at N.G.Section (Gujarat), replacement of steam engines by diesel engines are a dire necessity;

(b) if so, when the necessary action in this regard will be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The Railways on account of operational necessities, for increasing efficiency and bringing about economy, have decided to replace all N.G. steam locomotives by the end of VIII Five Year Plan period. This will, however, be done in phases & depends on availability of funds for manufacture of diesel engines in Railway Production Units.

[*Translation*]

**New Train Between New Delhi and Pathankot**

2794. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to introduce a new train between New Delhi and Pathankot or to extend any present train upto Pathankot;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The demands received in this regard were examined but not found feasible of implementation due to operational constraints and lack of resources.

[*English*]

**Obsolete/Surplus Items in Various Units Divisions of ITDC**

2795. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how the optimum level of inventory